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**UPDATED WITNESS INFORMATION FOR MARCH 17TH GOVERNMENT REFORM
COMMITTEE HEARING ON STEROIDS AND MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

Washington, D.C. -- Chairman Tom Davis (R-VA) and Ranking Minority Member Henry A. Waxman (D-CA) announced today that the House Government Reform Committee has received confirmation that a number of medical experts and family members who have been affected by the use of steroids will testify at the Committee's hearing on March 17th.

These witnesses are in addition to the players, former players, and Major League Baseball executives who have been invited to the hearing.

"I believe it is important for the Committee to hear from medical experts and impacted families on the scope of the steroid problem nationwide," Rep. Davis said.

"These witnesses have voluntarily agreed to share their expertise and experiences with the Committee, and I hope the players and league officials will follow suit," said Rep. Waxman.

The witnesses are:

Dr. Nora D. Volkow, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health

Dr. Gary I. Wadler, Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, New York University School of Medicine

Dr. Kirk Brower, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, University of Michigan Medical School

Mr. Donald Hooton, Sr., Director, Chairman, and President of Taylor Hooton Foundation, father of high school baseball player, Taylor Hooton, who committed suicide after steroid abuse

Mr. Ray and Dr. Denise Garibaldi, Parents of former USC baseball player, Rob Garibaldi, who committed suicide after steroid abuse

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